

Fingerprints Identify Theft Suspect

Village Officer Franklyn Sanchez Located and Lifted Prints from Crime Scene

On May 21 of this year, a laptop computer was taken from the seat of a contractor's unlocked pickup truck parked on the street during the day in the 100 block of Summerfield Road. Village Officer Franklyn Sanchez processed the scene and lifted some partial latent fingerprints and submitted them for analysis. We recently learned that the latent prints belonged to a known thief, and detectives from the Montgomery County Police Department will be following up with the appropriate criminal charges. Nice job, Officer Sanchez!

Village Resident Nearly Loses \$7,000 to Unscrupulous Contractor **Never let a door-to-door solicitor work on your home**

On August 20, a Village resident answered a knock on her door and was greeted by a man who identified himself as a home repair contractor. She described the contractor as a white male in his upper 60's or early 70's, and he was reportedly accompanied by at least two younger males. The contractor was operating a white truck.

The man who pointed out a minor problem with the resident's roof that he offered to fix for \$45. Once he was on her roof, he told the resident that he discovered major problems that needed to be fixed right away. The resident handed the man a check for \$6,900, and after about 30 minutes of work, the man left. The resident grew nervous and called the Village Police Department. Our dispatcher advised the resident to stop payment on the check immediately. Officers responded to the resident's home and to her bank, and payment was successfully stopped. The investigation continues.

Residents are strongly urged never to allow any solicitor to perform work on their home or in their yard. Many of such workers are unskilled, unlicensed, uninsured, and have been in legal trouble in the past. Additionally, residents should call the Village police immediately whenever a solicitor knocks on their door. Officers will respond and will determine if the solicitor is properly licensed with the County and the Village.

Theft of coins from unlocked vehicle

Unit block of Oxford Street: A resident left her unlocked car parked on the street in front of her house for a week (8/11-8/17). Upon returning to the car, she discovered that the car had been entered and ransacked. Two dollars in coins were stolen.